

reducing the first motor phase current using a slow current decay process after the first motor phase current is equal to the first reference current.

a' 18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first reference current equals zero, further comprises reducing the first motor phase current using a fast current decay process.

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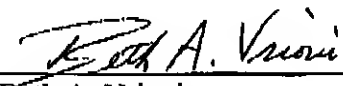
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application in view of the present amendments. In the office action, the examiner stated that claims 2-4, 6 and 13-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations previously recited in claim 2, thus claims 1, 3, and 4 should be allowed. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 6, thus claims 5, and 7-10 should be allowed. Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 13, thus claims 12 and 14 should be allowed. In the office action, the examiner stated that claims 11 and 15-18 were in condition for allowance. Thus Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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